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**In re Application of:**

**Application No.:** 10/664,975      **Examiner:** KARLS, Shay Lynn  
**Filing Date:** September 22, 2003      **Art Unit:** 1744  
**First Inventor:** Tsuyoshi Tokuda et al.      **Customer No.:** 23364  
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**For:** ELECTRIC BLOWER AND VACUUM CLEANER USING SAME

**REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is responsive to the Office Action dated September 8, 2006 in the above application.

**ELECTION**

The applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I for prosecution on the merits. The claims readable on the invention of Group I are 1, 4-20, 23, 24 and 26.

The applicant hereby reserves all rights to the non-elected subject matter.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicant's attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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